

**THE GREENE LAW FIRM**

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December 21, 2004

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Federal Election Commission  
999 E. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463  
Fax No. 202-219-3923

**SENT BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION - HARD COPY TO FOLLOW**

Re: The Greene Law Firm; #MUR 5611

Dear Beth:

Enclosed please find Affidavit that I prepared after visiting with you on the phone earlier today. As I told you, this matter really shocked me, to say the least and I certainly wish to do whatever is necessary to resolve this at the earliest possible time.

Accordingly, if, after reviewing this Affidavit and the attachments thereto, there is anything else that you need from me, simply say the word and I will certainly endeavor to provide whatever you need as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

  
Douglas W. Greene III

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STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
                                       ) ss  
 COUNTY OF GREENE     )

### **AFFIDAVIT**

**My name is Douglas W. Greene III**

I have been an attorney in good standing with the Missouri Bar Association since September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1974 and my bar no. is 24375. I am presently a solo practitioner and the name of my firm is "The Greene Law Firm, LLC". My office address is P.O. Box 625, Willard, MO 65781. My office phone is 417-742-0600 and my fax number is 417-742-0500. This past year, on the advice of my accountant, I decided to file as a Limited Liability Company and did so on March 10, 2004. I am currently listed by the Missouri Secretary of State as an active "LLC", in good standing in the State of Missouri. Prior to March 10, 2004, I operated under the business name of "The Greene Law Firm", but did so as a sole proprietor. The Greene Law Firm was established in the mid to late 1990s by my father and myself. My father's name was also "Douglas W. Greene". He is now deceased, having passed away on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Initially, our office was in Springfield, Missouri and we had two (2) associate attorneys working with us. However, in 1999, we decided to move our office to our long time home of Willard, Missouri, which is a very small town in Southwest Missouri, about 7 miles west of Springfield, Missouri. After moving to Willard, only my father and I were involved with the law firm and we operated as separate sole practitioners, in that we shared expenses equally, but we each kept whatever income we each earned. To my knowledge, we had never done business as a professional corporation but after checking with the secretary of state's office, it shows that articles of

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incorporation were filed on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1997, and the corporation was subsequently dissolved on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999. Apparently, one of our associates had filed the articles to do business as a "PC", but failed to notify either my father or I of this action. We were unaware that the PC even existed until after moving to Willard, when we received wage withholding statements from the Dept. of Revenue, addressed to "The Greene Law Firm, PC". We immediately investigated and informed the Revenue Dept. of this mistake. The "PC" was subsequently removed from our name. At no time during the existence of The Greene Law Firm did we ever hold ourselves out as a "PC" or any other type of corporation. It never appeared on our stationary or in the phone book or anywhere else. Further, to my knowledge, we always paid taxes as solo practitioners. In any event, by the time we were notified that a "PC" had been formed several years ago, it had already been dissolved.

Attached hereto are true copies of documents acquired from the Missouri Secretary of State's office on this date, both of which are incorporated herein by reference. Exhibit "A" refers to "The Greene Law Firm, P.C." and confirms the above statements that the "PC" was formed on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1997 and dissolved on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999. Exhibit "B" refers to "The Greene Law Firm, LLC" and also confirms above statements that the said "LLC" was formed on March 10, 2004 and is still active as of this date.

Although the \$5,000 political contribution in question was written on my "Greene Law Firm" account, the said account was my individual account and I am the only person that has ever written checks on said account since it's inception. The account was established for myself, as a sole proprietor/practitioner and it has been utilized for both

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business and personal purposes, for everything from buying groceries and coon dogs, to buying law office supplies and paying secretary's salaries. I have a very small, country practice that is probably far more informal than what would one expect to experience in Washington.

Finally, I can say that I was assured that my contribution was totally legal, so long as it was not written on a corporate account. It is still my understanding that this is a correct statement of the law on this subject. While I realize that ignorance of the law is certainly no defense, especially for a lawyer, I must admit that I did not have personal knowledge of the status of the law at that time. Fortunately, it appears that the advice was correct. In other words, since I knew that the check was not written on a corporate account, I was confident that the check was written in full compliance with applicable election laws. While I still do not claim to be an expert on the subject of election laws, I trust that I did not do anything in violation of state or federal laws.

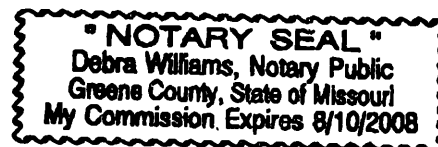
I have made this affidavit of my own free act and deed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2004. All of the facts and averments stated herein are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
Douglas W. Greene III

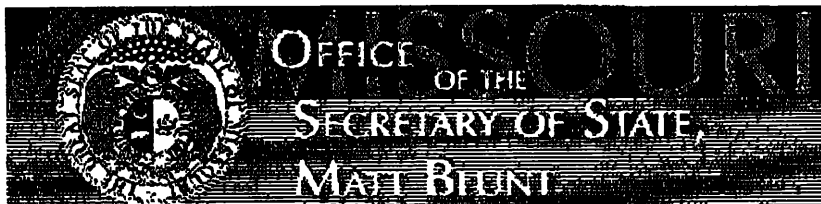
SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2004.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/10/08



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#### Filed Documents

**Date:** 12/21/2004 (Click above to view filed documents that are available.)

#### Business Name History

Name	Name Type
THE GREENE LAW FIRM, P.C.	Legal

#### Professional Corporation - Domestic - Information

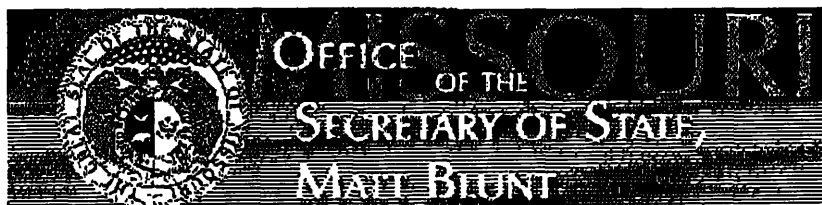
<b>Charter Number:</b>	P00446707
<b>Status:</b>	Inactive
<b>Entity Creation Date:</b>	10/2/1997
<b>Dissolve Date:</b>	2/1/1999
<b>State of Business.:</b>	MO
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	Perpetual
<b>Last Annual Report Filed Date:</b>	
<b>Last Annual Report Filed:</b>	0
<b>Annual Report Month:</b>	January

#### Registered Agent

<b>Agent Name:</b>	JOHN KIZER
<b>Office Address:</b>	300 S HAMMONS PKWY SUITE 603 SPRINGFIELD MO 65806

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#### Limited Liability Company - Domestic - Information

Charter Number:	LC0573720
Status:	Active
Entity Creation Date:	3/10/2004
State of Business:	MO
Expiration Date:	Perpetual

#### Registered Agent

Agent Name:	Green III, Douglas W.
Office Address:	304 E. Jackson, ste. 170, P.O. Box 625 Willard MO 65781
Mailing Address:	[Address Not Available]
[Name Not Available]	[Address Not Available]

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